

A BRIGHT LIGHT IN NANSEMOND

Good Things Going On in Farm Demonstration Line—Good Things at Driver.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

Down in an interior section of Nansemond county, at a place called Driver, there is an agricultural and high school that has been doing some stunts that are worthy of notice and worthy of imitation in more favored sections of the State. The principal of the school is J. B. L. De Jarnette, a very modest kind of a man, who believes more in actual work than he does in notoriety. Perhaps if he would unbend himself a little bit, he less modest and speak right out in meeting his experiments and those of the vigorous boys who have been under his tutelage, much to their benefit, would be splendid object lessons to boys and schools in other parts of the State. But notwithstanding the modesty of Principal De Jarnette, I have had a peep at a private letter he has written in advance of his official report, which will be public property when it comes out, if it ever does.

From this private letter I get the idea that this Agricultural and High School at Driver, in Nansemond county, is something of a new institution, and so new that it is just now about closing up its first year. In summing up the results of this first year, summing them up from the private letter, not officially, mind you, Principal De Jarnette explains that the school boys cultivated only four acres of land, and by selling the produce of said four acres the school was able to pay the bills for all seeds for experimentation, the "honor bills," whatever they may be, the labor bills and has the sum of \$60 and more left as a starter for another year. And in cultivating these four acres at the schoolhouse the boys were just "exercising" for it must be borne in mind that the most of them were doing their little one acre and half, and quarter acre plots at home, and on these they have succeeded abundantly, as was shown in a Suffolk letter in this paper not a great while ago, in the which the story of the great success of the county school fair, that was pulled off at Suffolk was told about.

The Demonstrator's Work.
W. B. Oglesby, who is the director of agriculture in this school, is also the "demonstrator" for Nansemond county, with headquarters at Driver. Mr. Oglesby has had fine success in training the Nansemond boys and men in the new methods of agriculture, operating as he does under the direction of T. O. Sandy, the general State agent of the government and of the educational demonstration work. Fortunately for the work Mr. Oglesby has diversified experience. His father, who owns a fine farm in Wythe county, has been making demonstrations, and among other things he has demonstrated that the trucking regions of Virginia need not depend upon New England for potato seedings, but that the mountain sections of the old State can produce as good tubers as were ever born in Maine or any other New England State.

The School's Good Work.
The modest Professor De Jarnette touches upon this question in his private letter that I have had a peep at. I dare say he will fall over in a heap when I quote from that private letter, but I am going to do it all the same. After paying a just and proper tribute to Oglesby and his good work, De Jarnette says:

"Now, as to the schooling side of the farm, it has done good work in many ways. First of all, the boys have learned the proper way of controlling cucumber diseases, and the wherefore of these methods. Second, working with Mr. Oglesby, who planned the work, they have discovered a remedy for the disease of beans that causes the

Prizes Awarded to North Carolina at National Horticultural Congress



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., December 17.—The officers of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and North Carolina generally are proud of the sweepstakes and other prize winning records made by the North Carolina exhibits of the National Horticultural Congress at Council Bluffs, Iowa, last month, the splendid silver cups, the medals and ribbon awards constituting now a beautiful exhibit in the Department of Agriculture. They will soon be deposited in a special exhibition case in the State museum. The silver trophies include silver cup, \$200 value, sweepstakes for best display of fruits in the United States, silver cup, \$150 value, for best display of apples from Eastern and Gulf States; silver cup, sweepstakes on best collection of nuts in the United States; silver cup, best collection of English walnuts; silver cup, best display of vegetables from Eastern and Gulf States; copper trophy, best plate of peanuts in the United States.

Gold medals were received for each of the best displays of commercially canned corn, tomatoes, asparagus, vegetables, pears, peaches, preserved fruits

and canned fruits. Gold medals were also received for each of the best box of oranges, by Miss Emma J. Howland, Beaufort; best general collection of citrus and tropical fruits; best plate of Mockers nuts, Mrs. J. L. Sharpe, Greensboro; best collection of figs, Mrs. W. B. Hollowell, Goldsboro; best plate of butternuts, George Miller, Sylvia, best plate of walnuts, Mrs. Swicegood, Mocksville; best plate of Japanese chestnuts, Mrs. J. Van Lindley, Greensboro; best plate of sweet chestnuts, ex-Sheriff Noland, Haywood county; best collection of pecans, best plate of nuts grown by exhibitor, J. H. Frank, Richmond; best display of Japanese persimmons, Mr. Betts, Raleigh; best display of American persimmons, Jim Higga, Raleigh.

Apple specialties were received as follows: Best ten plates of apples, not less than five varieties, shown from any State in the Union—First prize, of power spraying outfit, awarded to Sparger Orchard Co., Mt. Airy, with thirty States competing. Third prize, for display of pairs in commercial packages, awarded to Sparger Orchard

Co., Mt. Airy. Best plate display of grapes awarded to State Test Farm, Funder county, for best of Thomas James and Flowers varieties.

Second prize for lemon exhibit was given to W. L. Holt, Burlington; first prize for best general display of sweet potatoes, best display of red sweet potatoes, T. B. Parker, Raleigh; third best display of white onions, ex-Sheriff Noland, Haywood county; third best display of pumpkins, ex-Sheriff Noland; third prize, best packed barrel apples, Bolling Hall, Waynesville; best ten plates of Winesap apples, first prize, Bolling Hall, Waynesville; best plate Stayman Winesap apples, J. C. Bushnell, Saluda. Then there were eight grand, six second and four third prizes for plate exhibits of apples that were carried off by North Carolina; also four first prizes for pear exhibits, of various varieties; also a third prize for pears.

The exhibit at the National Horticultural Congress was installed by North Carolina's State Horticulturist, W. H. Hutt, aided by Assistant State Horticulturist Shaw.

COUNTS ACCEPTS FLATTERING INVITATION

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, December 17.—The Countess Feodora Gleichen has just accepted a flattering invitation from the royal borough of Windsor to undertake the statue of the late King Edward, which is to be erected in one of the main streets as a special contribution to the memorial fund.

The countess, who is second cousin of the King, is a very accomplished sculptor. She is the eldest of three clever daughters of the Princess Victor of Hohenlohe. One sister, the Countess Valda, who is married to Percy MacNeil, has a magnificent voice, and frequently sings at royal gatherings. A brother of Count Gleichen married not long ago Miss Sylvia Edwards, one of the maids of honor of Queen Alexandra.

Countess Gleichen is a great friend of another royal sculptor, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, leads a Bohemian life, and her studio in St. James Palace. One of her last works was a very fine recumbent statue of the late Lady Cadogan, which lies in Calverton Church.

COUNTS IS WINNING GOLDEN OPINIONS

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Vienna, December 17.—The Countess Szechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, continues to win golden opinions both as a society leader and as "Lady Bountiful." She intends to entertain without undue ostentation, but with enough style to uphold the dignity of her position among the Hungarian nobility at her new mansion in the Andriev Boulevard, the finest thoroughfare in Budapest.

Meanwhile the countess is working quietly, but effectively, to ameliorate the conditions of the poor of her adopted country, both in the city and rural districts. She believes it the duty of wealthy people to alleviate the suffering and distress of children, and for this reason she has become vice-president of the National Society for the Protection of Children.

The general public knows little about the countess' benevolent activities, only knowing her as a fashionable woman at the opera, bedecked with diamonds. The count and countess are taking the greatest interest in the construction of their new mansion, and go to Budapest frequently to inspect operations.

MONEY IN WHEAT OF VIRGINIA MAKE

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that it is richer and better than the Western wheat, and they buy every bushel and every bushel of it is put their hands on, and yet they must go West for 80 per cent. of the grain required to keep their great mills going. Now, you see the point I am getting at. Of course, I know all about the labor troubles and all that kind of thing, but with modern machinery, with twentieth century methods and with latter day farming ideas, why should not the valleys of the James, of the Staunton and the Dan and all the other fields of Virginia raise enough wheat to keep these great mills going? Just think of it! These people have to buy nearly \$3,000,000 worth of wheat every year, and they have to go West for 80 per cent. of it, when in my heart of hearts I do believe Old Virginia lands can furnish every grain of it and keep all of this money right at home. And then, too, there are mills in Lynchburg and Danville and Staunton, and the good Lord only knows where else in Virginia, and all of them have to go West to buy grain. Men of Virginia, get down to business and raise wheat to sell. You have a market right at home.

TOBACCO SALES FOR PAST WEEK

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Blackstone Tobacco Market. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blackstone, Va., December 17.—Breaks have not been quite as heavy this week as they were last week. The town sold 275,000 pounds. The quality is showing up much better than the previous week, and prices were firmer on all grades, especially lugs and short. The market will close for the holidays on Thursday, December 22, and open January 4, 1911.

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EVERY MALE twenty-one years of age, and EVERY person keeping house or doing business in the city, is assessed for personal taxes. Those who have not paid any city taxes during the year will please call and settle at once to avoid being posted as delinquents.

GRADING, PAVING, PIPE AND SEWER CONNECTION BILLS are also due, and will have to be declared delinquent if not paid on or before end of year.

FIVE PER CENT. will be added to late half if not paid on or before DECEMBER 31ST.

Interest at SIX PER CENT. also attaches to all bills as soon as reported delinquent.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under an ordinance passed by the City Council there can be no avoidance of the penalty.

WASHINGTON WARD TAXES to be paid in same manner at the office of J. P. ROBINSON, Special Assistant City Collector, at Tenth and Hull Streets.

F. W. CUNNINGHAM, Collector of City Taxes.

weather and the nearness of the holidays.

The following prices are quoted: Lugs, common, \$5.00 to \$6.25; Lugs, good, with length, 6.75 to 9.00; Short leaf, 6.50 to 8.75; Shiping, 8.50 to 10.00; Wrappers, short, 10.00 to 14.00; Wrappers, fine, 12.50 to 25.00.

South Boston Tobacco Market.

South Boston, Va., December 17.—The leaf tobacco sales have been quite large during the past week, although the weather conditions have not been so favorable. Over 1,600,000 pounds of leaf tobacco have been sold generally satisfactory. Very much common dark tobacco was marketed. Fine wrappers, smokers and cutters, have been rather scarce this week. Sales will be suspended on Thursday afternoon, December 22, (Wednesday, January 4, 1911, for the holidays). This market is pulling hard for the 25,000,000 mark.

Rocky Mount Tobacco Market.

Rocky Mount, N. C., December 17.—In spite of the continued dry weather of the past week receipts of leaf tobacco have been good, amounting to nearly 300,000 pounds for the week. Some improvement is noted in the quality. While there has been a large proportion of common, undesirable tobacco cured, there has been also a good proportion of good medium to fine leaf, and a good sprinkling of wrappers. Prices show no abatement, but on the contrary show some little advance on the better grades, the buyers bidding more actively, especially the independents, than at any time this season.

The farmers are in good spirits and seem highly gratified with the prices obtained.

The market closes next Wednesday for the holidays, and will reopen on the 3d of January, 1911.

November Sales in North Carolina.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., December 17.—There were thirty-eight towns in North Carolina that did leaf tobacco business during the month of November, the total sales running up to 12,884,000 pounds, with Winston-Salem leading, its sales amounting to 1,288,000 pounds. Roxboro, Person county, was second, with 1,070,900 pounds, and Greenville third with 1,231,900 pounds. Others in whole order were: Wilson, 1,237,740; Oxford, 681,021; Durham, 611,234; Raleigh, 588,520; Gaston, 587,000; Rocky Mount, 584,200; Louisville, 467,815; Zionsville, 38,201; Mount Airy, 35,539; Snow Hill, 27,800; Creedmore, 20,776; Warrenton, 20,629; LaGrange, 18,758; Farmville, 18,600; Apex, 22,874; Youngsville, 17,625; Burlington, 15,473; Smithfield, 10,179; Stoneville, 9,718; Mebane, 9,645; Greensboro, 75,915; Zionsville, 75,201; Wendell, 74,528; Robesonville, 68,660; Pilot Mountain, 64,231; Warsaw, 66,608; Asheville, 51,003; Madison, 47,777; Richlands, 42,588; Fuquay Springs, 52,215; Goldsboro, 23,231; Enfield, 26,488; Williamston, 25,298; Milton, 17,100; Statesville, 5,573.

Another purchaser out there is Mrs. E. D. B. Garnett, who recently sold her magnificent old colonial home in Matthews county for \$35,000. She wanted to live in Richmond or near hereto, and the fact that she has

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bought a beautiful lot in Ginter Park is evidence that she prefers suburban life to actual city life.

Rumors in the Air.

The rumors about the great deal on Eleventh Street are still in the air, and there is a lot of dicker and surmise going on. Rumors may come and rumors may go and a newspaper man always has to handle rumors with care, but if a skyscraper is not soon started on that Eleventh and Main and Bank Street location this newspaper man will be working fairly surprised. And why shouldn't it? There is not a prettier location for a skyscraper anywhere in the world, for from the ground up the light of heaven will invade every room of a twenty-story layout, and rush in from four sides all at once.

On the whole, the real estate men will be comparatively quiet from now until about the second week in January, and then, just look out. If there

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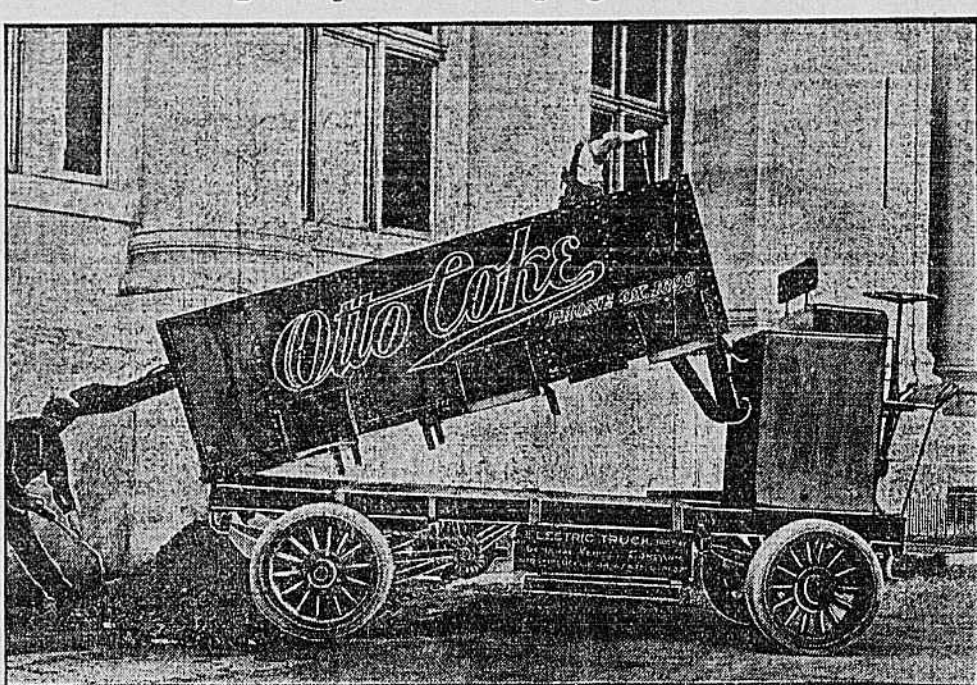
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will not then be something doing that will be worth talking about, all the signs of the times will have gone wrong, and the signs are not likely to be far off the track.

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